

DPAC hopes you will continue to stay engaged

To the Editor:

In the past two weeks, the Damariscotta Planning Advisory Committee (DPAC) hosted two pot luck dinners and community forums that solicited input on two projects underway in town, the Shore and Harbor project and the Piper Village development.

On behalf of DPAC, I wish to thank the more than 85 participants who provided valuable insights on their vision of how Damariscotta should grow in the future to continue to meet the community's needs.

It was exciting to watch participants study charts and maps, offering recommendations to improve the area on many fronts, from parks to parking, from tot lots to teen centers, and from bike/walk trails to public transit.

It was encouraging to see so many take their task seriously, developing possibilities for Damariscotta's continued growth as a viable regional economic center.

DPAC is currently extending its reach into the community through a series of surveys to collect more suggestions. I hope that everyone who is interested in the future of Damariscotta will take time to complete a survey and share your vision with us. In addition to being published in *The Lincoln County News*, the survey will be available on line and at several locations throughout Damariscotta, including the Chamber Office and library.

To stay informed of DPAC's activities and upcoming events, I encourage you to include your e-mail address with your completed survey. We have a variety of activities planned over the summer months, culminating in a week-long series of meetings in late October to solicit additional input on the future of town.

Joining our e-mail list will ensure that you are kept up to date on DPAC programs and activities.

On behalf of all of the members of DPAC, I thank those who came to the community forums. The fare at the pot luck dinners was exceptional, as were the small group discussions and the many heart-felt recommendations provided.

All of us at DPAC hope that you will continue to stay engaged with our activities, and that you will encourage your friends, neighbors, and coworkers to participate as well.

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Committee